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Foley, Welch, Burton, Behning,
Bottorff, Goodin, Gregg, Kruse,
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Whereas, World War II was, without dispute, the most cataclysmic event affecting the 20th century;

Whereas, Civilian and military leaders of the United States were justifiably concerned that the very survival of the United States was in serious jeopardy should the war be lost;

Whereas, In a fervor not seen since the Civil War, millions of United States citizens of all ages willingly answered the call of their country and enlisted in the military;

Whereas, Many very young men and women made the personal decision to put their country ahead of their education and their future, which could have been forfeited if the Axis powers had won the war;

Whereas, The ultimate cost of freedom was paid by many of those in the military who sacrificed their lives in defense of liberty;

Whereas, Many who did return home were not able to complete their high school education due to a wide variety of legitimate factors such as age, family responsibility, and disability;



Whereas, These brave veterans quietly picked up the pieces of their lives and overcame the fact that they had given up the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma in their quest to make the world a safer place for mankind;

Whereas, The total number of Hoosiers who did not graduate because of wartime service may never be known;

Whereas, In an attempt to correct this situation, a number of states have begun to offer high school diplomas to World War II veterans who can verify that they left school before receiving their diploma in order to serve their country; and

Whereas, Indiana should honor its veterans by having local school boards issue certificates of recognition honoring the sacrifices that veterans made in leaving high school in order to serve their country during World War II: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
- 2 recognize the sacrifices that the World War II veterans who left high
- 3 school without receiving a diploma made for Indiana and to thank and
- 4 honor these special individuals with a special certificate to be presented
- 5 to those deserving veterans who present proof of their qualifications in
- 6 this matter.
- 7 SECTION 2. That these certificates be awarded as soon as possible
- 8 or on an appropriate patriotic occasion such as Veterans Day, Memorial
- 9 Day, or Flag Day.
- 10 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 11 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Raymond Smith,
- 12 the American Legion National Commander; James Miller, the
- 13 American Legion, Department of Indiana Commander; Duane
- 14 Alexander, the American Legion, 11th District Commander; Dr.
- 15 Suellen Reed, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; the
- 16 Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs; the Veterans Administration;
- 17 Everett Foreman, the State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign
- 18 Wars; John Garland, the State Commander of AMVETS; Colonel
- 19 Robert Hawkins, Superintendent of the Indiana Veterans Home; Robert
- 20 Christensen, the State Commander of Disabled American Veterans,
- 21 Jeffrey Alger, Director of the Regional Office for Veteran's



- 1 Administration; and any other interested party who can assist with
- 2 notification and administration of this program.

